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Arts Council Minutes 12-12-2002

Arlington Arts Council
 Minutes of December 12 , 2002

Present: Suzanne McLeod, Elinore Kagan, David Silverman, Michele Meagher (non-voting member)

Absent: Diane Connor, Robert Zinck, Cheryl Hemenway, Shari Craig, Amy Peters, Mary Babic

David Silverman called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm. ~

Item One: ~Minutes from November

Because there was not a quorum, the minutes could not be approved.

Item Two: ~Requests for Payment

Arlington Center for the Arts, 2002-25, \$2000, Final Payment

Margo Cooper, 2002-4, \$1876.07, Final payment

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Item Three: New AAC Members

Lengthy (and exciting!) discussion about attracting new members to the AAC, which evolved into envisioning a spring event for the community, artists, and prospective AAC members. Ideas included: having someone from the MCC come to talk about the budget cuts and their impact on artists; hosting a panel discussion with an MCC rep, Jim Marzilli and other reps, James Lee from the Arlington Arts Center, and 1-2 artists, to discuss the budget cuts; having the event at the Arlington Arts Center. Possibly April, needs further discussion with AAC members.

Item Four: Other Business

1. Discussion about adding information to the grant "hot sheet" about our timeline, letting applicants know when they can expect response from the Council after the grants have been voted on.
2. Reviewed Financial Statements presented by Elinore: 2002 Administrative Income and Expenses, and Statement of Fund Balance. Elinore explained the documents.
3. Reviewed 2002 and 2003 Grants, agreed to call the 3 outstanding 2002 grantees who have not applied for extensions. (2002-2, 2002-7, 2002-14) One 2001 grant remains outstanding (David Moore) – to be discussed at a future meeting, and action to be voted on.
4. Elinore requested space to store boxes of AAC "archives". Decision to contact Town hall to request space for AAC storage.
5. Discussion about changing the name of the AAC to the Arlington Arts Commission. Further discussion needed with whole council.
6. Discussion about inviting James Lee, new Director of the Arlington Arts Center, to the February AAC meeting to talk about his vision for the Center, and for us to tell him about the Council.
7. Discussion about inviting a member of the Board of Selectmen to one of our meetings, to promote understanding and awareness of the AAC and our work.
8. Decision to use part of the January AAC meeting as a brainstorming session, to set goals for the upcoming year.

David Silverman adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne McLeod, Secretary